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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLO MINIMAL OBJECTIVES FROM UN SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE BEGINNING JAN 12.

1. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED DEC 29 OF CONVERSATION WHICH
OCCURRED IN DAMASCUS SHORTLY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF PLO
CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING DEC 23 (FBIS JN242200Y).
ON DEC 24, "ABU LAYLA" OF THE PDFLP INFORMED RELIABLE
JOURNALIST OF ALLEGED DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO TACTICS AND
OBJECTIVES OF PLO AT FORTHCOMING UN SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JAN 12.

2. ACCORDING TO "ABU LAYLA". CENTRAL COUNCIL DECIDED THAT
IT DEFINITELY WISHES TO AVOID ELICITING A US VETO OF THE RESOLU-
TION FINALLY PROPOSED. PLO DEL WILL, THEREFORE, BE PREPARED
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TO BEHAVE WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY TOWARD THIS END. CENTRAL

COUNCIL ALLEGEDLY DETERMINED THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD EMBODY
THREE POINTS WHICH PLO CONSIDERS INDISPENSIBLE MINIMUM.

POINTS ARE:

(A) MENTION OF EVENTUAL PALESTINIAN "STATE".

(B) RECOGNITION THAT ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM "OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES" (I.E., 1967 CONQUESTS); AND

(C) ENDORSEMENT OF RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO "RETURN".

IN ELABORATING ON POINT (C). "ABU LAYLA" SAID WORDING ON
"RETURN" COULD BE FUDGED SO THAT THOSE WHO WISHED WOULD BE
ABLE TO INTERPRET RESOLUTION LANGUAGE AS NO MORE THAN RECOG-
NITION OF RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES TO "VISIT" THEIR
RELATIVES RESIDING IN ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO CONFIRM
DECISIONS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL, WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT "ABU
LAYLA'S" REMARKS WERE REPLAYED TO US ACCURATELY.
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